

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
October 6, 2021**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Brian Hodson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Christopher Bangs, Traci Hensley, Sarah Spoon, Greg Parker, and Shawn Varwig.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Clark, Bri Condon, Bryan Peterson, Cindy Lang, Daniel Owczarzak, David Bajorin, James Hieb, Jason Padden, Mac Garrison, Mark Johnson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Archer, City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator; Melissa Bisset, HR Director/City Recorder.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hodson called the Special Called Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

The City Council discussed the questions that they wanted to ask the candidates and the process. There was consensus to only ask three questions per candidate, questions 1, 2, and 6. The City Charter required candidates to have lived in the City for 12 months. He asked if the Council wanted to interview a candidate who did not meet that requirement. There was consensus to not interview that candidate.

Scott Archer, City Administrator, said another candidate had dropped out so the Council would be interviewing ten candidates.

**INTERVIEWS FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY:**

Brad Clark was an Oregon native and grew up in Florence. He got a degree in education in California and became a pastor. He moved to Canby in 2007 and raised two children here. He worked at the library for the City of Wilsonville. He believed in thinking globally but acting locally. He thought change almost always happened in small increments and change was hard. Navigating change and the future together was why he wanted to serve on the Council. He wanted to create a better future for the next generations. The most pressing issue he saw for Canby was division. Another important issue was livability and long term planning was at the forefront of his mind as well as keeping an eye on the budget and how it related to the services the City provided.

Bri Condon had been in social service work for 18 years and currently served as the Executive Director of the west coast's largest domestic violence intervention shelter organization. She was also a business consultant helping businesses run more efficiently. She was a fixer and a closer. She liked working on a team and inspiring people through conflict. She thought she could bring the skill of perception to the Council. She had talked to many people about living in the City and where things were missing. She thought she could leverage her skill set to assess the needs and feedback from citizens so they could move forward in the right way for the whole community.

She wanted to better understand what the Council was working on right now. Her biggest concern as a resident of Canby was infrastructure which was not building at the same rate as development. She thought there should be a strategic planning process for improving City water. She also wanted to make sure law enforcement and fire services were adequate. She was interested in helping to plan for green space as well.

Bryan Peterson had lived in Canby since 2014. He had two children that grew up in Canby and he had roots in the community. He had worked for the Oregon Corrections Department for the last 14 years. He had been involved in boy scouts. He was a political novice, but wanted to step up and help how he could. He would like to get to know the community better and wanted to be involved in making decisions that affected the community. Canby was expanding and having bigger town issues and he wanted to help resolve those issues. He had an open mind and dealt with difficult decisions on a daily basis at work. He was good at negotiating and listening to issues and finding the best outcome that was available. They needed to have short and long term goals that were in the best interest of citizens and businesses. They also needed to bridge the gap between some community issues and support fire, law, and health care workers as well as encouraging new businesses to come to Canby.

Cindy Lang was semi-retired and had moved to Canby four years ago. She wanted to be a good role model for her grandchildren. She had an entrepreneurial background owning several small businesses and also worked for corporate Nordstrom. She was good at listening to people and dealing with the public. She had also worked for non-profits and loved community theater. She thought she could be a good spokesperson and proactive to help make Canby the vibrant, wonderful, diverse, family-friendly community that it was. She could listen to people's concerns in an unbiased way and let them know they were heard. She wanted to keep the City safe and prosperous. She was a connector of people. A pressing problem in the City was the rapid growth. She wanted to be able to preserve the history and beauty of the City as well as the safety and well-being of children both now and in the future. They needed to grow in a responsible manner with thoughtful and positive communication within all aspects of the community. She thought they needed to keep the focus on policy issues, not personal agendas.

Daniel Owczarzak was a native Oregonian and grew up in Lincoln City. He got a degree in math and business. He had worked in research at OHSU and worked as a contractor for Oregon Health Authority. He had also worked at Nike and currently worked for Microsoft. He had two children and spent a lot of time in the City's parks and rode bikes around town. He had purchased his wife's grandparent's house and it was his forever home. His parents were active in City government while he was growing up. He had lived in Portland previously and saw exponential growth there and its impact. He was interested in serving on the Council because division was a big issue facing the City. He enjoyed the community events and spaces and he wanted to be part of the community that his children would be raised in. He wanted to help maintain the identity of Canby and bring people together while addressing the problems of a growing community and to do it in an equitable way. Parks were also important to help maintain a community that was together. He asked if they were going to continue to meet on Zoom and how a new person could join the group and become a voice in the group.

Mayor Hodson said they would be on Zoom until there was a different direction from the governor's office. They could connect one on one and have conversations to get to know each other.

David Bajorin grew up in New York. He got a degree in political science and joined the coast guard. He was still serving in the reserves. He had lived in Canby for three years and had two children. He currently worked in HVAC. He had always liked providing service to others and would like to improve the world around him. He would get to work and make things happen that the City needed. The legacy they left behind for future generations was important. Some of the challenges were Covid and how it had brought out some of the worst in all of us. He thought they were better than that. They had a beautiful downtown untouched by chain stores and restaurants, which was how they maintained the small town feel. They needed to work towards greater cohesion and stronger sense of community. They needed to have unity of purpose as a City Council. He would like to see more youth involvement in City government.

James Hieb cared about people. He was a director of two childcare facilities and was a veteran. He had four children. He wanted to serve in a community where everyone felt welcome and at home. He wanted to keep the small town feel as the City grew and serve in a non-partisan capacity. He wanted to make the City better and to serve others. He thought current issues in Canby were completing the Walnut Street extension, paving 99E, building the new water treatment facility, putting in missing sidewalks, improving parks, and promoting unity.

Jason Padden was a traveling salesman and worked from home. He was very passionate about giving back to the community. He had served on several clubs and organizations in the communities where he lived, even at a young age. In 2005, he moved to Canby. He had become very involved in the local and state level and served on several different groups and organizations. In Canby, he had served on the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, Street Maintenance Fee Task Force, City Council, Budget Committee, and Planning Commission. He was very familiar with what was involved in being a City Councilor and what they were and were not able to do. He was familiar with the form of government and how the Council and Mayor fit in that government. He was also familiar with the plans and projects that were in the works. He was uniquely positioned for this role. He wanted to serve on the Council and be a part of the planning for the future. He thought one of the biggest challenges in the City was planning including the Park and Recreation Master Plan, Transportation System Plan, and Housing Needs Study. They also needed to make updates to the City Code. He would also like to create five year strategic plans for missing sidewalks, upgrading streets, and parks, especially a dog park. He also thought they needed to improve water quality.

Mac Garrison had moved to Canby in 2020 and worked with Life Flight Network. He worked in management and had a degree in business and political science. He had also served in the military. His strengths were strategic planning, operations, and logistic management. He could look at the big picture and come up with processes, improvements, and efficiencies. He was an empty-nester and had grandchildren. He wanted to serve on the Council to have an impact on the organization and processes. He wanted to serve the community and help businesses survive and thrive. The Council had to make sure they were fiscally responsible, make sure there were police

and fire to keep the community safe, fix the potholes, look at traffic flow, roads, and infrastructure to support it, maintain the small town feel, and manage growth.

Mark Johnson was a native Oregonian who had lived in many small towns in greater Clackamas County. He left for a period of time for business, and chose to come back and live in Canby. He had two kids and grandchildren. He worked in wholesale grocery and leading teams. The majority of his time was spent in merchandizing and helping independent stores sell more groceries. He would like to be a Councilor to have a voice and make sure other voices were heard. He was eager to contribute his skill set and opinions on how he thought he could help the City. The key for Canby was managed growth and having the necessary infrastructure for that growth. Traffic control and road conditions were a primary concern in the community. Other priorities were affordable community participation, tolerance of large businesses, thriving success of small businesses, making downtown a place where people wanted to spend time, and returning the level of community events Canby had pre-Covid.

The Council took a recess from 7:38 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.

**\*\*Council President Hensley moved to appoint James Heib to fill the Council vacancy. Motion was seconded by Councilor Varwig.**

Council President Hensley said in the last election, Mr. Heib would have been the fourth in line. She thought this appointment would heed the voice of the community. She agreed the code needed to be changed and thought they needed Mr. Padden on the Planning Commission to make that happen.

Councilor Varwig wanted someone to fill the role that wanted to do the business of the City as a non-partisan position. Mr. Heib talked about that as well as important issues in the City and how he wanted to promote unity.

Councilor Bangs agreed with Mr. Heib's list of projects that needed to be done, however he would not be voting yes. They could only choose one candidate and Mr. Heib was not his top candidate.

Councilor Spoon would also not be voting yes as he did not make her top three. She appreciated what Mr. Heib said and thought he was doing a great job on the Planning Commission.

**Motion failed 2-3 with Councilors Spoon, Bangs, and Parker opposed.**

**\*\*Councilor Varwig moved to appoint Brad Clark to fill the Council vacancy. Motion was seconded by Council President Hensley.**

Councilor Varwig said Mr. Clark talked about division and bringing people together. He liked his thought about thinking globally and acting locally.

Councilor Bangs also liked that he had City working experience and thought he would make an excellent City Councilor. However, he would not be voting yes as Mr. Clark was not in his top three.

Councilor Spoon also thought Mr. Clark would be a good Councilor and had a heart for service, but there were a lot of fantastic candidates and he was not in her top three.

**Motion failed 2-3 with Councilors Spoon, Bangs and Parker opposed.**

**Councilor Spoon moved to appoint David Bajorin to fill the Council vacancy. Motion was seconded by Councilor Parker.**

Councilor Spoon thought Mr. Padden should remain on the Planning Commission. Mr. Bajorin talked about unity of purpose and the role of Council as leaving a legacy for future generations. He also talked about the importance of downtown and had a lot of organizational experience. She appreciated his view on the role of Council. He was her top candidate.

Councilor Bangs said Mr. Bajorin was also one of his top candidates. He thought Mr. Padden was very qualified but thought he should remain on the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. He liked how Ms. Condon spoke about green spaces and water quality and Mr. Owczarzak identified important issues. He liked the business knowledge of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Bajorin was the only candidate who came to the last Council meeting to stand up for a child.

Councilor Varwig was also in support of Mr. Bajorin. He encouraged the Council to forget the past bumps in the road and move forward in unity and respect for one another for the good of the community.

Council President Hensley said she thought Mr. Heib should be appointed because he was the constituents' choice in the last election.

**Motion passed 4-1 with Council President Hensley opposed.**

Mayor Hodson adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 2021**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Brian Hodson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Christopher Bangs, Traci Hensley, Sarah Spoon, Jordan Tibbals, Greg Parker, and Shawn Varwig.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jason Padden, Representative Christine Drazen, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Division Chief Matt Dale, and Division Chief Matt English.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Archer, City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney/Assistant City Administrator; Melissa Bisset, City Recorder/HR Manager.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hodson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob Cambra, Canby resident, spoke at a previous meeting on an appeal of the development on Thirteenth Street. During that discussion he pointed out some facts that were important for the City. One of those was that the road had parking on both sides which made the street very narrow and made it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. He had contacted Canby Fire who said the width of their largest truck was 16 feet. He wanted that to be clear when the Council made their decision.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **\*\*Council President Hensley moved to appoint Rhonda Shechtman to the Heritage and Landmark Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilor Varwig and passed 5-0.**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTION:** Ordinance 1560 – Mr. Archer said this was a request to approve the purchase of a front end loader for Public Works in the amount of \$135,017.49. This purchase was in the budget. Three quotes were received and this was the lowest.

Councilor Parker thought this spending authority was an administrative task, not a legislative task. He thought it should be brought up as an agenda item with the Budget Committee.

**\*\*Councilor Varwig moved to approve Ordinance 1560, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANBY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA WESTERN MACHINERY TO BUY A NEW FRONT-END LOADER to come up for second reading on October 20, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council President Hensley and passed 5-0 on first reading.**

Ordinance 1561 – Mr. Lindsay, City Attorney, said the changes included allowing the high school member of the Library Board to be a voting member and for the Library Director to be removed as board secretary.

Councilor Bangs thought high school students should be voting members. This might potentially cause a tie vote, but it was an advisory committee who gave recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Spoon suggested creating a Youth Advisory Council or getting youth members on all of the City's committees.

**\*\*Councilor Bangs moved to approve Ordinance 1561, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CANBY MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) CHAPTER 220 TO INCLUDE THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD HIGH SCHOOL MEMBER AS A VOTING MEMBER WITH**

**ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE LIBRARY BOARD SECRETARY to come up for second reading on October 20, 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilor Spoon and passed 5-0 on first reading.**

Resolution 1359 – Mr. Archer said this was a topic of a recent Work Session. At that meeting, there was consensus to bring this back to a regular meeting for action. There would be a transfer of \$310,000 from Canby Utility to the City for the project. The source of funding for the project was the Street Fund reserves and it would not impact any other street project. This project would not occur for a couple more years and more money would most likely be in the fund, however there were enough funds in the account for the project currently. He showed pictures of what the drop lines would be like if a property owner did not want to underground the lines. Before they could work with the property owners, this IGA had to be approved.

Mr. Lindsay said they would be able to get out of the IGA in the future if something happened. He confirmed they had to be in contract with Canby Utility in order to talk to the property owners.

There was discussion regarding the estimate of the project which was in future dollars, factoring in the costs of restoring people's properties if work had to be done, and what would happen if a property owner changed their mind in the future and wanted to underground.

Council President Hensley thought there was still too much uncertainty and she would be voting no.

**\*\*Councilor Bangs moved to approve Resolution 1359, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANBY AND CANBY UTILITY FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES FOR THE FUTURE IVY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and passed 4-1 with Council President Hensley opposed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Letter of Support for the Economic Opportunity Analysis – Mr. Archer said this letter would support a grant application for \$50,000 from DLCD to do an Economic Opportunity Analysis.

**\*\*Councilor Bangs moved to approve the letter of support for the Economic Opportunity Analysis grant funding. Motion was seconded by Councilor Spoon and passed 5-0.**

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:** None

#### **COUNCILOR COMMENTS & LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilor Spoon said Canby Area Transit's local circulator was now in action. The high school's homecoming senior parade would be tomorrow at 4 p.m. She asked if they could discuss a letter of support for the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area at a future meeting. Mayor Hodson said it could go on the next agenda.

Councilor Bangs said the Library Board met and discussed a policy for non-circulation materials in the library and prepared for the annual Work Session with the Council. It was homecoming week at the high school and the homecoming game was this Thursday and dance was this Friday. Public Works partnered with the National Honor Society students to repaint the crosswalk. He showed pictures of the crosswalk.

Councilor Varwig said there was an opening on the Planning Commission and the CTV-5 Board.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS & STAFF REPORTS:** None

**CITIZEN INPUT:** None

**ACTION REVIEW:**

1. Approved the Consent Agenda.
2. Approved Ordinance 1560 and 1561 to come up for second reading on October 20, 2021.
3. Approved Resolution 1359.
4. Approved the letter of support for the EOA grant.

Mayor Hodson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

  
Melissa Bisset  
City Recorder

  
Brian Hodson  
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes - Susan Wood